(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken in the matter?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An investigation has been conducted and the estimates for two tanks, which alone are worth improving, are under preparation.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know the number of tanks that required improvement, as per the representation from the inhabitants of Kizhavalam *pakuthi* in the Chirayinkil taluk?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): There are thirty irrigation tanks in the *pakuthi*.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know why of these 30 only 2 are considered worthy of improvement?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Secretary to Government*): The others are small tanks covering an area of about 6 to 30 cents. Only 2 out of six tanks investigated were found good enough to be repaired and improved.

Non-official visitors of hospitals.

279. *MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have nominated any non-official gentlemen as visitors to the various hospitals in the State;

(*b*) if so, the names of those gentlemen and the respective hospitals to which they have been so nominated; and

(*c*) if not, why not?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

(*c*) Such nomination is not considered necessary.

District Surgeon at Kottayam.

280. *MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government b pleased to state;

(*a*) who the District Surgeon at Kottayam is;

(*b*) his qualifications;

(*c*) how long he has been at Kottayam; and

(*d*) whether the Government have received any representations for his transfer from Kottayam?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): (*a*) There is no officer as District Surgeon at Kottayam. If the member means the Medical Officer in charge of the District Hospital, Kottayam, he is Deputy Surgeon Mr. D. W. Isaac;

(*b*) L. M. &. S

(*c*) He has been at Kottayam since 2-11-1107.

(*d*) No such representation has been received.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*): May I know the period for which the predecessor of the present incumbent was in charge of the Kottayam District Hospital?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): I claim notice.

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MR. V. T. CHACKO (*Muvattupuzha I*): May I know whether there is any rule fixing the period during which a Medical Officer should be in a particular place?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): There is no such rule.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether during hospital hours Medical Officers are allowed to visit patients outside the hospitals?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): They can do so in cases of emergency but must inform the Darbar Physician's office of the same.

Remuneration to Government Doctors.

281. ***MR. P. C. KURIYAN** (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have put up any notice in the various hospitals in the State forbidding patients to pay any remuneration to Government doctors for attending patients in the hospitals;

(*b*) if so, what were the causes that led the Government or the Darbar Physician to put up such notices; and

(*c*) what provision Government have made to see that doctors do not abuse this direction?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) To remove a misunderstanding among the public that they have to pay for medicines and treatment in the Government medical institutions.

(*c*) Enquiry is being made at the time of visits to the different stations if there is any complaint regarding the matter.

Treatment of patients.

282. ***MR. P. C. KURIYAN** (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any rule at present preventing a doctor from seeing the patients or their relations at the doctor's house; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that most of the doctors refuse to treat patients in the hospitals who do not visit doctors at their residences?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): (*a*) No such rule.

(*b*) Not aware.

Ophthalmic Hospitals.

283 ***MR. P. C. KURIYAN** (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Ophthalmic Hospitals in the State; and

(*b*) whether Kottayam has got one?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): (*a*) There is only one Ophthalmic Hospital in the State.

(*b*) Kottayam has no Ophthalmic Hospital. One of the Sub Assistant Surgeons attached to the District Hospital has had training in the Trivandrum Ophthalmic Hospital.

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